agreement is expected to take several forms including exchange of information, scientific research books, exchange of press reporters and photographers, experts and trainees and publicity material. The bilateral agreement on combating all forms of criminal acts, particularly terrorists, transnational and organised crimes, will among other things, enable both countries to exchange information, experiences and techniques in combating these problems.

Pager Services in Nagpur and Chandigarh

2405. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pager services which are available in Nagpur and Chandigarh;

(b) what is the number of subscribers in Nagpur as on the Ist December, 1995;

(c) what is the cost per unit of pager service and how much is the market price of the service; and

(d) what steps are being taken to make the services cheaper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Nagpur:—Following companies have been licenced to operate Radio Paging Service in Nagpur:—

(i) Easycall Communication (I) Ltd.

(ii) Weston Pagers Pvt. Ltd.

(iii) Beltron Telecommunications Ltd.

(iv) NICE Ltd.

None of the Paging Operators has yet commenced the service.

Chandigarh:— Following companies have been licensed to operate Radio Paging Service in Chandigarh:—

(i) ABC Communication (I) Ltd.

(ii) Hutchison Max Telecom.

(iii) Modi Telecommunications Ltd.

(iv) Weston Paging Pvt. Ltd.

M/s. Modi Telecommunications Ltd. & M/s Hutchison Max Telecom. have started the service.

(b) No Sir, none of the companies have started the service in Nagpur.

(c) As per the terms of the Licence Agreement, the operator has to install, commission, operate & maintain the Service. The Telecom. Authority has fixed a ceiling trariff of Rs. 150/— per month for the service.

(d) the Telecom. Authority has fixed a ceilling tariff of Rs. 150/—per month for the Service. The licensees can change the subscriber at a lower tariff. Also the Telecom. Authority has licenced a number of operators in a service Area and it is expected that the competition amongst them will bring down the tariff.

Award of Contract to Mazagaon Dock by ONGC

2406. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has awarded or considering to award a Rs. 261 crore contract for platforms to the Public Sector Mazagaon Dock Ltd. on "nomination basis" without international competitive bidding and evaluating tenders;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the material being used in the same as used worldwide; and

(d) if so, whether Government have paid attention towards its cost and whether the pipes are being imported direct from the company or from Australia which have been rejected by the Australian Oil Company.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARAM): (a) to (d) Indian PSUs MDL, HSL and BSCL have been requesting ONGC to award the well platforms on nomination basis since their yards were lying idle. Based on the past performance of the PSUs and time availability the proposal for award of HX-HY well platform to MDL on nomination basis is under consideration of ONGC Board. However, no decision on the award of contract has been taken. The specifications for the materials being used are as per the international norms. Further, the material standards are required to be confirmed by ONGC's international consultant M/s. EIL.

विदेशों में रह रहे भारतीयों से प्राप्त शिकायतें

2407. **श्री नागमणि:**
श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को विदेशों में रह रहे भारतीयों से कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत दो वर्षों के दौरान ऐसी शिकायतों का मिशनवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या उपचारात्मक कार्यवाही की है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया): (क) जी हां।

(ख) भारतीय मिशनों को प्राप्त शिकायतें अधिकतर भारतीय राष्ट्रिकों के पकड़े जाने, वेतन की अदायगी न किए जाने, उपयुक्त मुआवजे के बिना लम्बे तथा कठिन कार्य घंटे, भारत के लिए छुट्टी न दिए जाने तथा विमान किराए की सुविधा दिए जाने, प्रायोजक/नियोजक द्वारा कार्य कर्ताओं के यात्रा दस्तावेज जब्त कर लिए जाने संविदा संबंधी दायित्व पूरे न किए जाने, स्वदेश वापसी और शव को वापिस भारत भेजने के समय आमतौर पर दुव्यर्वहार किए जाने के संबंध में होती है। मिशनवार ब्यौरा प्राप्त किया जा रहा है और सदन की मेज पर रख दिया जाएगा।

(ग) जब इस प्रकार की शिकायतें प्राप्त होती है तो सम्बद्ध मिशन भारतीय राष्ट्रिक और नियोजक के बीच मतभेदों को दूर करने के लिए वहा परस्पर स्वीकार्य समाधान खोजने का प्रयास करता है अथवा- जहां आवश्यक हो शिकायत दूर करने के लिए अलग-अलग मामले विदेशी सरकार के सम्बद्ध प्राधकिारियों के साथ उठाता है।

Representations against permission to multinational companies setting up hot food point

2408. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations against permitting multinational companies to set up hot food points in the country; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) While no representation against permitting foreign companies for setting up of hot food point have been received some representations against health hazards, harmful effects, environmental hazards/ pollution, etc., caused due to some fast foods served by foreign/multinational companies operating in India and other countries in their restaurants have been received. Government have approved proposals of M/s. K.F.C., Pizza Hut now known as Pepsico Restaurant International, M/s Mc Donalds, etc., for setting up of and operating quick service restaurants. These restaurants serve various types of food products, which *inter alia* include vegetarian and non-vegetarian foods like potato products (french fries) mashed potato products, salads, milk products, chicken products, burgers with fillings of vegetable/chease/ meat/poultry, fish and ready to eat poultry products, etc. No authentic and